

## **What is claimed is:**

**[Claim 1]** An adjustable binding for a snowshoe, said binding comprising:

- a fore foot member;

- a pivotable mechanism for attaching said fore foot member to said snowshoe so that said fore foot member pivots relative to said snowshoe;

- a heel plate;

- a rear foot member attached to said heel plate; and

- strap member attached to said fore foot member and said rear foot member.

**[Claim 2]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said pivotable mechanism includes:

- a rod extending through said fore foot member; and

- pivotable securing mechanisms attaching each of said rod to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 3]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said pivotable mechanism includes:

- a rod extending through said fore foot member; and

- a first strap attaching one end of said rod to said snowshoe; and

- a second strap attaching the opposing end of said rod to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 4]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said adjustable binding further includes:

said heel plate being slidable relative to said snowshoe to accommodate different sizes of footwear.

**[Claim 5]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said adjustable binding further includes:

a tail portion on said heel plate; and

a mounting mechanism on said snowshoe having a slot for receiving said tail portion to allow said tail portion to slide relative to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 6]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said fore foot member includes:

opposing curved members for receiving the footwear of a user.

**[Claim 7]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said fore foot member includes:

opposing resilient curved members for receiving the footwear of a user.

**[Claim 8]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said binding includes:

a strap fastening mechanism connecting said fore foot member and said rear foot member for fastening the footwear of a user to said adjustable binding.

**[Claim 9]** The adjustable binding of claim 1 wherein said snowshoe includes:  
a translucent decking extending at least along the upper surface of said snowshoe.

**[Claim 10]** An adjustable binding for a snowshoe, said binding comprising:  
a fore foot member mounted to said snowshoe;  
a heel plate slidably mounted to said snowshoe; and  
a rear foot member attached to said heel plate.

**[Claim 11]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said adjustable binding further includes:  
said heel plate being slidable relative to said snowshoe to accommodate different sizes of footwear.

**[Claim 12]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said adjustable binding further includes:  
a tail portion on said heel plate; and  
a mounting mechanism on said snowshoe having a slot for receiving said tail portion to allow said tail portion to slide relative to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 13]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said fore foot member includes:

a rod extending through said fore foot member; and  
pivotal securing mechanisms attaching each of said rod to said  
snowshoe.

**[Claim 14]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said pivotal mechanism includes:

a rod extending through said fore foot member; and  
a first strap attaching one end of said rod to said snowshoe; and  
a second strap attaching the opposing end of said rod to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 15]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said fore foot member includes:

opposing curved members for receiving the footwear of a user.

**[Claim 16]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said fore foot member includes:

opposing resilient curved members for receiving the footwear of a user.

**[Claim 17]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said binding includes:

a strap fastening mechanism connecting said fore foot member and said rear foot member for fastening the footwear of a user to said adjustable binding.

**[Claim 18]** The adjustable binding of claim 10 wherein said snowshoe includes:  
a translucent decking extending at least along the upper surface of said snowshoe.

**[Claim 19]** A snowshoe, said snowshoe comprising:  
a translucent decking extending at least along the upper surface of said snowshoe.

**[Claim 20]** The snowshoe of claim 19 wherein said snowshoe further includes:  
an adjustable binding, said adjustable binding comprising:  
a pivotable fore foot member mounted to said snowshoe;  
a heel plate slidably mounted to said snowshoe; and  
a rear foot member attached to said heel plate.

**[Claim 21]** The adjustable binding of claim 20 wherein said adjustable binding further includes:  
a tail portion on said heel plate; and  
a mounting mechanism on said snowshoe having a slot for receiving said tail portion to allow said tail portion to slide relative to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 22]** The adjustable binding of claim 20 wherein said fore foot member includes:

a rod extending through said fore foot member; and

pivotal securing mechanisms attaching each of said rod to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 23]** The adjustable binding of claim 20 wherein said pivotal mechanism includes:

a rod extending through said fore foot member; and

a first strap attaching one end of said rod to said snowshoe; and

a second strap attaching the opposing end of said rod to said snowshoe.

**[Claim 24]** The adjustable binding of claim 20 wherein said fore foot member includes:

opposing curved members for receiving the footwear of a user.

**[Claim 25]** The adjustable binding of claim 20 wherein said binding includes:

a strap fastening mechanism connecting said fore foot member and said rear foot member for fastening the footwear of a user to said adjustable binding.